

MUSEUM LOTTERY.

The ACT for enabling Mr. COX to dispose of his MUSEUM by way of Lottery, sets forth,

THAT in the prosecution of his Trade, he had invented sundry pieces of uncommon and expensive workmanship; in the construction of which, employment had been afforded to numbers of ingenious artists and workmen: and that many of the said pieces have for several years past been disposed of in foreign countries, much to the honour and advantage of this kingdom: that having, with great labour and expence, contrived and brought to perfection other pieces composing the Museum in Spring-Gardens, which were originally intended to be disposed of in the East-Indies; and that the said Museum, on account of the great value and price thereof, and also on account of the great scarcity of money in the East-Indies, as well as in Europe, cannot easily be disposed of in the common way of sale; and that unless encouragement under the sanction of parliament be given him, to enable him to dispose of the said Museum by way of Lottery, and by such sale to continue with success his useful endeavours in the course of his trade as a jeweller; and that a great number of artists and workmen may not be deprived of employment, and that so useful a branch of business brought by him to so much perfection, may still be carried on with success: at the humble petition of the said James Cox, be it enacted, by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that he, his heirs and assigns, shall and lawfully do, and for the said James Cox, his heirs or assigns, to sell and dispose of the several pieces composing the said Museum, specified in the schedule to the ACT annexed, in such manner, as he, the said James Cox, his heirs or assigns, shall think proper, without being liable or subject to any penalty or forfeiture, imposed by any Act or Acts of Parliament against any sale or sales by way of Lottery; and that such sale or sales so to be made of the Museum, and of the several pieces composing the same, shall be good and valid, any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding. And that this ACT shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a public Act, and be judicially taken notice of as such by all judges, justices, and other persons whomsoever.

A SCHEME OF THE LOTTERY.

Granted to Mr. James Cox, of the City of London, Jeweller, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT, PASSED IN THE THIRTEENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS MAJESTY GEORGE III. for the purpose of selling his MUSEUM in Spring-Gardens.

The LOTTERY will consist of,			
2 Prizes of the value of	£. 5,000	_____	£. 10,000
2 Ditto	3,000	_____	6,000
12 Ditto	1,500	_____	18,000
18 Ditto	750	_____	13,500
52 Ditto	450	_____	23,400
100 Ditto	300	_____	30,000
212 Ditto	150	_____	31,800
2 Ditto	50	_____	100
2 Ditto, first drawn	100	_____	200
2 Ditto, last drawn	750	_____	1,500
120,000 Tickets of admission to the Museum, at 10 s. 6 d.	_____	_____	63,000
120,404 amounting in all to	_____	_____	£. 197,300
60,000 Tickets marked A	} 120,000, at 17. 1 s.	_____	126,000
60,000 Ditto B		_____	
Balance in favour of the Public			71,300
			£. 197,300

The Museum Lottery will be determined by the State Lottery of the year 1774, unless there is a disagreement in the number of Tickets, or unless any other unforeseen circumstance shall prevent such a determination; in that case it shall be drawn at Guild-hall, or some public place near the Royal Exchange, in the State Lottery Wheels, under the management and direction of Commissioners who have assisted in drawing one or more of the State Lotteries, and in the same manner as the State Lotteries are usually drawn and conducted.

If there should be no State Lottery in the year 1774, the Museum Lottery shall be drawn within three months of the time, which has been usually set apart for drawing the State Lottery.

To accommodate persons subscribing for twenty tickets, or upwards, and sending their names to the Museum Lottery Office, No. 104, in Shoe-Lane, on or before the first of November next, they will, paying a deposit of ten per cent. have conditional receipts delivered to them exchangeable for tickets, if the remainder of the money is paid in the course of three months.

Subscribers not making good their payments, shall forfeit their deposits.

The money received for Tickets is deposited in the hands of M^{rs}. Fuller, Halford, and Vaughan, Bankers, in Cornhill, to answer the sole purpose for which the Lottery was granted.

In order that the Tickets of the classes A and B may be upon a perfect equality, the first drawn Ticket shall decide in which class the Ear-rings and their fellow prize shall be; for instance, if the number of the first drawn is 30,000 or under, then the Ear-rings with the Bust of the Empress of Russia shall be in class A, and the fellow prize in class B: on the other hand, if the number of the first drawn Ticket is above 30,000, then the Bust of the Empress and the brilliant Ear-rings shall be in class B, and the fellow prize in class A; and previous to the drawing of the Lottery, an account shall be published in the daily papers of the arrangement of the several prizes, and if determined by the State Lottery, the order in which every prize will stand relative thereto.

The prizes in this Lottery shall be delivered to the several fortunate adventurers, or their representatives, in three months after the drawing of the said Lottery.

Mr. Cox engages for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, to deposit in the Bank of England, previous to the delivery of the prizes, Ten Thousand Pounds, to be paid to the possessor or possessors of the brilliant Ear-rings and Bust of the Empress, and their fellow prize, if they or either of them think proper to relinquish the same to Mr. Cox, his heirs, executors or administrators; the proprietor or proprietors of those prizes to deliver to Mr. Cox, his heirs, executors or administrators, their determination in writing, within fourteen days after the drawing of the Lottery, whether they will accept the said Ten Thousand Pounds in lieu of the said prizes, or not.

That the fortunate adventurers may have as speedy an account as possible of their success, the numbers of the Tickets drawn against each prize, will be published in the daily papers during the drawing of the Lottery; and one month after the drawing is over, a regular and correct list of the fortunate Tickets, drawn against each prize, checked and examined by the commissioners or managers of the said Lottery, shall be also published both in the daily and evening papers.

That the subscribers to the Lottery may not be incommoded when they visit the Museum, in the improved state of that superb collection, no money will be taken at the door till after the drawing of the Lottery, nor any persons be admitted without the Ticket of admission, which is sold with the Lottery Ticket^s, though to consult the public convenience as much as possible, a Ticket will be then issued at one guinea and a half, which will entitle two persons to view the Museum, but will give no more than one eventual chance in the property.

A descriptive Inventory of all the exquisite Pieces of Mechanism and Jewellery, that constitute the very great and valuable prizes of the Museum Lottery, distinguishing the new articles from those that composed the Museum in its original state, is now printed, and will be delivered gratis with a scheme of the Lottery, to every purchaser of Lottery Tickets, and to the public in general at 6d. each.

Tickets to be had at the Lottery Offices in Town and Country.

I THE above-mentioned JAMES COX, do solemnly bind and engage myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, to all and every the purchasers, holders and bearers of any of the Tickets in said Lottery, to perform in substance, manner and form, all the articles herein before-mentioned; and have annexed thereto the inventory and schedule as delivered to the honourable House of Commons, previous to the passing of the Act of Parliament, which schedule is annexed to the said Act. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of August, 1775.

Sealed and Delivered (being first duly

Stamped) in the Presence of

Thomas Monkland, Fleet-Street,
W. Stephenson, Ludgate-hill.



N. B. The original Obligation, with the above Scheme and Schedule annexed, under the hand and seal of the said James Cox, is deposited with Messrs. Fuller, Halford and Vaughan, Bankers, in Cornhill, who kindly take custody of the same for the benefit of those who may be interested therein.

The purchasers of Tickets will please to observe that as no persons can be admitted in the improved state of the Museum but with the Ticket of admittance sold with the Lottery Ticket, that Ticket is thereby rendered no less vendable than the Lottery Ticket; persons therefore abroad or at a distance in the country, who cannot visit the Museum, will find a prompt sale for their admission Ticket when the Museum is again opened.